

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2121 - SB 2791

February 6, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL:

1. Requires all wholesale and retail catfish products sold in the state to be labeled to denote the nation of origin of the catfish, which information shall be preceded by the words *Product of*.
2. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture to:
 - Promulgate rules and regulations to enforce the provisions of the bill.
 - Impose civil penalties of no more than \$1,000 for each violation.
 - Order the packager, distributor, or retailer to cease the distribution or sale of catfish products that are not labeled or are labeled in violation of this section.
 - Seek injunctive relief to stop labeling practices that are in violation of this section.
3. Entitles any person aggrieved with an injunction or civil penalty to a hearing.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes a not significant increase in revenues from the collection of civil penalties and in expenditures to enforce the requirements contained in this bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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